

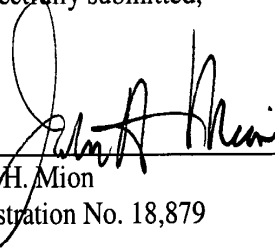
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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REMARKS

The rejected claim 7 now is canceled (claim 6 was previously canceled) whereby Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner now to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims **1-5, 8 and 9**.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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